

# [41] Christmas Song

Play the chords precisely together. Lift hands exactly the same height, and use down-arm stroke.

German Folk Song

The musical score is written for piano in common time (C). It consists of five systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The score includes various chords and fingerings indicated by numbers 1-5 above or below notes. Handwritten annotations in blue ink are present above the staves: 'F' (first system), 'F' and 'C7' (second system), 'C' and 'Gm' (third system), 'F' and 'C7' (fourth system), and 'F' (fifth system). The fifth system is labeled 'Coda' at the beginning. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

The Time Signature: C, sometimes is used instead of  $\frac{4}{4}$ , though both signatures mean the same thing. i.e., "four counts to a measure, each count the value of a quarter-note." Some people call this "common time," and use the C to remind them of the word "common."

CODA: a little addition at the close of a composition to bring it to a more satisfactory ending.